

The Conditions.

Turning from a discussion that cannot possibly aim at higher and more profitable results than a demonstration of the impracticability and undesirability of its object, let us invite serious attention to a subject of more immediate concernment, and the discussion of which promises more practical consequences. One of the first matters which will claim the attention of the Legislative Council so soon to convene, is that of the union of this colony with the Dominion of Canada. The question will come up doubtless in the form of a Government measure; and it is presumable that the Executive will be occupied during much of the time that intervenes in deciding upon the conditions that shall be submitted to the House for transmission to Ottawa. It is fitting, therefore, that the subject of conditions should, at such a moment, take precedence of every other; and it is just under such circumstances as these that all who take an active share in public affairs shall lay aside personal bobbies and extreme crotchets, and, by coming together in a spirit of earnest patriotism, seek to promote the common object of rendering approaching political changes as beneficial as possible to this our adopted home. Such is the spirit in which we shall endeavor to approach this most important subject; and, however fortunate the colony may be in having two representatives sitting at the Executive board, that circumstance does not absolve us from the duty of pointing out what we conceive to be at once the rights and the most pressing wants of the country, although it doubtless has a tendency to render the task lighter and more hopeful. The importance of Executive action in this matter may be gauged by the difficulty there is in effecting, in a House composed as ours is, any material change in a measure which has previously received Executive endorsement; hence our solicitude that the programme which is to be brought down to the Legislative Council may be in the main such as the unofficial members can endorse, and such as the country can accept. So much has already appeared in these columns upon the subject of 'conditions,' that we can hardly be expected to bring forward anything absolutely new; we can scarcely even hope to present old ideas in new dress. Inasmuch as we prefer to regard the form of government this colony shall enjoy under Confederation in the light of a natural consequence, rather than a condition, it may be as well to dispose of that point as an antecedent proposition. It would ill become us to ignore the existence of some diversity of opinion upon the subject under immediate consideration. Strongly impressed as we are with the idea that however simple and crude the form of government bestowed on this colony might necessarily be in the first instance, it should still possess the essential element of direct responsibility to the people, yet we meet those whose opinions are entitled to much respect—nay, very great weight—who entertain a different belief. There are those even beyond official circles or influence who conceive that the colony has not quite reached that condition in which would enable its affairs to be most satisfactorily administered by a Cabinet whose members are directly responsible to the people. It is argued that there is a paucity of suitable material from which to select heads of departments by the popular vote, and that where the population of much of the colony is so erratic, and public opinion on many questions is still to a great extent unformed, good men would not care to accept onerous and responsible appointments which could only be held by a brittle and capricious tenure. While admitting that there is much force of reason in this view, yet the answer is this: Under Confederation we shall be relieved of those more complex questions of legislation which might threaten to crack the brain of our embryonic statesmen; and whether it be now or years hence, we shall have to begin with the A B C of legislation. Mistakes there doubtless will be, begin when we may; but is it not as well to begin at once, and we shall the sooner have passed that inevitable period of creeping, stammering babyhood? Besides, if we look across an international line which some appear anxious to see obliterated we shall find that communities equally crude have not hesitated to assume the full powers of self-government. Whatever course it may be deemed best by the Executive to adopt for the present with regard to departmental officers we venture to think that we do not misinterpret popular sentiment when we tell the Government plainly and emphatically that no system will be acceptable to the people which does not give them a real control of their own local affairs. It is all very well to say that the Colony does not possess material out of which to make departmental officers. The present officials being sole judges, of course it does not; but we prefer to believe that they are not the most competent judges in this matter. The present political constitution of the Colony is put in a position to bring out the latent talent in the community, and we are apt to think that responsible government, if inaugurated tomorrow, would bring to the surface talent the existence of which has been little dreamed of by the governing classes. Look at other colonies. From what stratum of society, for instance, was O'Shaughnessy drawn? In the most important colonies have not the most able statesmen been drawn from the plebeian grades? The control

of provincial affairs by this people under Confederation we are still inclined to regard as a *sine qua non*. The people will not submit to a renewal or perpetuation of a mock, pseudo-representative form of Government, and any attempt to tack any such thing upon a measure for Confederation would be to fly in the face of public opinion so repeatedly, unanimously and unmistakably expressed. But, here we are, at the end of our column, and the first 'condition' not yet named.

The French papers report the death of a fine old officer, who saved his life when in peril from a Lyons mob by his ready wit. Gen. Baillancourt was suddenly surrounded by a howling mob who demanded the head of Minister Guizot. 'Do you suppose I have Guizot's head in my pocket?' replied the General, whose answer tickled the people, who let him go just as they unstrung Abbe Maury, who was being suspended to a lamp post, for saying, 'My friends, do you think you can see me better up there?' Of course, a joke is not always palatable. When the Prince Imperial laughed the other day at the name of Rochefort, the 'Rods' made sinister allusions to the fate of the son of Louis XVI, ill-treated to the death by one Simon, a shoemaker.

THERE is a steam hammer at Danville, Pa, which cost \$40,000, and which will crack a nut without breaking the kernel, or crush a solid cannon ball with a 60-ton blow.

New Advertisements.



COURT OF REVISION.

THE COURT APPOINTED MONDAY, 1st day of February next for its first sittings, and directed the attention of applicants to the following section of the "Victoria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869":

Sec. 6. "In case any person shall, whether by reason of a change in the value of property or otherwise, feel himself aggrieved at the amount at which he or any other person may be assessed, it shall be lawful for such aggrieved person to appeal to the Court of Revision if such person shall, on or before the day immediately preceding the first sitting of the Court, have caused the Clerk of the said Municipal Council to be served with a notice of such appeal and the grounds therefor."

By order, WM. LEITCH, Jr., Clerk of the Court. Victoria, British Columbia, Jan 31, 1870.

LONDON HOUSE--CLOSING DAY.

LONDON HOUSE WILL BE CLOSED TO-DAY (Monday) Feb. 1st, for Stocktaking. Will reopen on WEDNESDAY.

During February we shall continue to sell Winter Goods at the extremely low prices we have lately reduced them to.

GESANG VEREIN GERMANY.

NOTICE--THE SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Society will be held at their Hall, Yates Street, TUESDAY EVENING at 9 o'clock, for the election of officers for the ensuing term. Members are requested to attend punctually. By order, FRANK SKILL, Secretary.

Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Co., Limited.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of said Company will be held in the Council Chambers, corner Broad and Treuue streets, Victoria, on Monday next, the 7th prox. at 10 o'clock p.m. H. GASTON, Secretary.

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Are Unequalled.

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DRUGGISTS.

Agents for British Columbia (Jan 3)

VICTORIA THEATRE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 2d,

Great Comic Night!!

BENEFIT

MR. WM. ELLERTON.

LOUISE ARNOT.

A Comic Drama.

G. PAUNCEFORT!

MISCELLANEOUS CONCERT.

BRIGHT MUSICAL BURLEQUE OF

NORMA.

with Original Songs, Music, &c. See Small Bills.

ADMISSION--Dress Circle and Parquet, \$1; Reserved Seats, \$1.25; 1st, 60 cents; Boxes, \$10; Boxes, upper, \$5.

Do not open at 7.30 performance to commence at 8.

Box Office open from 11 till 3 each day.

75 Tickets - - \$1 each

A SUPERB RIFLE,

—BY—

F. MALHERB & SONS

Of Liege,

Original Cost - - - \$150

Will be Ruffed for

—AT THE—

GROTTO SALOON

On Saturday, February 12th,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Rifle may be seen at Mr. Roberts, Tailor's Window, Government street, next door to Piper's saloon.

TICKETS may be had of Mr. Piper, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Maynard, and at the GROTTO.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

KWONG LEE & CO.

HAVE REMOVED TO THE BRICK

Building on Corner of Market street, between Government and St. George's streets, west of the "Prince of Wales."

Victoria, V.I., Jan 11, 1870.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Have now in Stock and offer for Sale,

Ex PRINCE of WALES from London,

The undermentioned Merchandise

IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.

BLANKETS.

Assorted sizes, to suit the Trade.

CLOTHING.

Cloaks—Tweed & Beaver Cloth, Highland.

Coats—Men's Heavy Tweed

Jackets—Men's Blue Beaver, Pilot & Cardigan

Shirts—Men's Baltic, a large assortment, Fancy Striped, Regatta, Long Cloth, Cotton & Serge, assorted

Suits—Men's Heavy Beaver, Fancy Doe and Tweed

Trousers—A large assortment of Men's Tweed, Doe, Cloth, Drill, Mole-skin and Corduroy

Trousers—Boys' Fancy Tweed & Doe

Underclothing—A large assortment, Silk, Woollen and Merino

Vests—Men's Tweed and Cloth

DRY GOODS, &c.

Horricks—Long Cloth, assorted Nos.

Prints—Dark, fancy and light pads, assorted

Drills—30in. twilled, grey and blue

Domestics—Grey 26 & 36ins.

Poplins—Irish, plain, tartan & watered

Morie Antique—Black and colored

Skirts—Balmoral and long cloth

Hosiery—A large assortment

Wincey—4-4 Aberdeen

French Merino, Alpaca, Gingham, 4-4 Gala Plaid

Silk & Cotton Velvet, Linen, colored & black Velvet Ribbon

Gloves—A large variety.

HATS & CAPS.

Hats—Men's black and colored Felt

Caps—Men's blue Balmoral & Cloth

SUNDRIES.

Candles—Prices' patent Belmont sperm

Camp-lights—Pigons & Wilks' and Curtis & Harvey's, in 1lb & 4lb flasks

Powder—Blasting

Shot—Nos. 1 & 6 AAA, and No. 28 ball

Bags—Grain, Dundee & Gunny

WHARF STREET, VICTORIA, V. I.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of Corporation of City of Victoria for Year ending 7th November, 1869.

RECEIPTS.

Balance of cash at 7th Nov., 1869, \$200 19

Real Estate Rent, 4,231 11

Fire Insurance Rate, 13 33

Amalgam Account, 16 50

Rentals Account, 18 00

Log Rate Account, 2,347 50

House Rate, 382 69

Repl. of the City of Victoria, 145 00

Yates & Submerged Drain, 125 00

Comorant at Grading account, 100 00

Total, \$10,010 73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Bank of British North America, 1,019 26

Interest on amount of interest paid on overdraft, 64 89

Donation Account, 160 00

No. 2, as a donation for their steam fire engine, 145 00

Legal Expenses Acct., 2,677 49

Street Repairs Acct., 183 76

View Street Drain Acct., 23 87

Johnson & Revenue Sewerage Acct., 125 00

Sanitary Comrs Acct., 125 00

Victoria Fire Dept's, paid insurance rate collected, \$947 78

Fire rate, 150 00

Blanchard & Co's ading & Graveling Acct., 182 60

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Sanitary Comrs Acct., 125 00

AMOUNTS PAID ON THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Local Board of Education, 21 50

Water Works Surveying Acct., 75 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 170 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 470 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 101 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 101 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 40 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 200 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 115 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 144 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 60 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 348 88

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 1,355 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 150 00

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 237 60

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 196 87

Freight & Blanchard & Co's Grading Acct., 878 19

Total, \$10,010 73

We hereby certify that we have audited the accounts of the Corporation of the City of Victoria for the year ending 7th Nov. 1869, and that the above statement of receipts and disbursements is correct. Appended hereto please see statement of assets and liabilities.

CHAS. REED, Auditor.

Victoria, B.C., Jan 14, 1870.

Albion Shaving Saloon.

GEORGE OTTO, TONSORIAL ARTIST.

(Late of Melbourne, Australia.)

BEGS TO INTIMATE TO THE PUBLIC that he has opened the above named saloon on Johnson street, opposite store street, where gentlemen can be accommodated in the latest and most approved styles.

Particular attention paid to cutting Children's Hair.

CHARGES.

Shaving, 12 1/2 Cents

Hair Cutting, 25 "

Shampooing, 25 "

Noted

FROM AND AFTER THIS DATE I will only accept COIN for RENTS as well as other payments to be made to me.

LO. LOWENBERG.

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EX "PRINCE OF WALES."

HENRY NATHAN, JR. & CO.,

Have in Store and offer for Sale

The following NEW GOODS!

BLANKETS.

2 1-2 point, Blue

2 1-2 do Black

1 1-2 do White

Ticking

Blue Cottons

Horrickses' Long Cloth

American Drilling

Grey Calicoes

White Saxony Flannel

Tartan Plaids

Winseys

Lustres

Elk and col'd Coburgs

Delaine

Alpaca

Poplins

French Merino

Plaids

Ginghams

Chintz

Prints

Muslins

Embd. French Merino Dresses

Fancy Wool Skirtings

Skirts, Balmoral, Mobar, Winsey, Rep white, &c.

Lining

Jackets, Black Cloth, Plush, &c.

Velvet

Irish Linen

Hair Nets

Ribbons

Trimnings

Pearl and other Buttons

Patent Linen Thread

Spool Cotton

Table Oil Cloth

Oiled Silk

Tablecovers

Hickory, &c

Pants, Pilot, Tweed, Doe, Black

Ribbed, Mole-skin &c.

Vests, Black Cloth, Pilot, &c.

Inverness Capes

Boys' Suits

Baltic Shirts, Black & White

Checked and French Flannel

Flannel Shirts

Hickory & Serge do

Hats, Blk & Col Felt and Plush

Cambrie Handkerfs

Umbrellas

Black Silk Handkerfs

White Shirts

Swansdown do

Bruces

